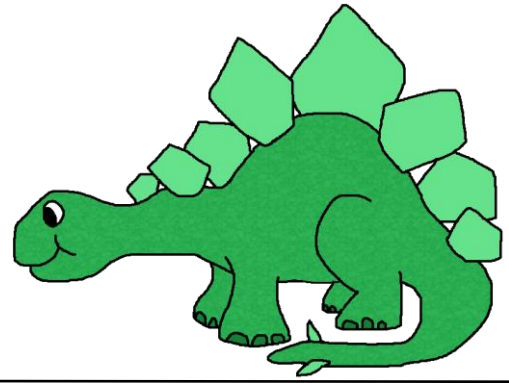


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"Dinosaurs and Zoo Animals"



NOTES FROM OUR TEACHERS

Early Learners

Our class will be walking on the wild side! Not only will we be looking at Dinosaurs, terrible lizards from the past; we will also be learning about animals that we rarely see outside of a zoo. Animal ambassadors such as the sloth, fox, lynx and lemur will visit us from Classroom Safari. Be sure to mark your calendars for Tuesday, February 6 because you will want to see them yourself. We will also practice our writing skills by making cards for friends and family. Any spare stationary supplies that you can donate will be put to good use in our writing center.

-Teacher LaDonna

Pre-K

Did you hear that roar? Speaking of moments do you feel the ground moving? Here come the dinosaurs marching into our classroom. We will be learning about dinosaurs and volcanos too! I have a feeling this will be very popular month. And when you think of dinosaurs maybe jungles also come to mind. It does for me anyways. So we will also be learning about jungles and who lives in them. Think of things like slithering snakes, big leaved trees, and a few friends hiding all around. Who knows our classroom may transform before your eyes into a mysterious land of jungle animals and enormously loud dinosaurs! Last but definitely not least, February brings friendship, kindness and love. What does love, kindness and friendship look like to 4 and 5-year-old? The answers may surprise some of you. So ask your child it could be a funny and enlightening moments.

Do not forget this month we have a few days off so double check your work schedule!

Hope everyone has a wonderful February and beware of the t-rex hiding around the corner.

-Teacher Colleen



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POSITIVE DISCIPLINE CORNER:

PRESCHOOL FRIENDSHIPS

Preschool friendships develop social and emotional skills that increase competency and a sense of belonging and decrease stress and anxiety. The foundations of early friendship skills are communication, perspective, and empathy. We can observe and guide our children as they develop conversational skills, emotional self-control, and a willingness to follow the social rules of sharing, taking turns, and compromise.

So how do we help them become a good friend?

- Be a good role model. Use your life, books and media to discuss how people should be treated.
 - Have clear expectations about how everyone in your home is expected to treat one another. Create a sense of safety – do not allow mean or disrespectful behavior – by following through in a firm and kind manner
 - Teach social cues in others such as facial expressions, backing away and words.
 - Help them recognize how their own bodies react to emotions. Do they clench their fists or grit their teeth when angry? Change in the physical body can help change the emotion.
 - Teach a spectrum of emotion words Content- happy- joyful – ecstatic.
 - Teach tools to be part of a group. “Look up, smile and greet friends as they enter. Observe what other children are playing and ask how you can be a part.”
 - Consider the consequences. “When you ran up and grabbed Tom’s ball did it work out as you wanted? Did you get to play with Tom, or did he get upset? What could you do differently next time? “This is a very effective way to help them consider the consequences of their actions and become less impulsive.
 - Note and appreciate random acts of kindness. Children who perform acts of kindness received positive responses that further a positive feedback loop of developing friendships.
- Let’s recognize the amazing growth in our students and take the chance to let our friends, children and adults, that all that hard work has been noticed.



February THEMES: Dinosaurs and Zoo Animals

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3	4 General Meeting 7-8:15	5	6 Classroom Safari	7 Classroom Safari	8	9
10	11 SCHOOL CLOSED- HOLIDAY	12	13 Valentines- please no candy	14 Valentines- please no candy	15	16
17	18 SCHOOL CLOSED- HOLIDAY	19	20	21	22	23
24	25 Board meeting 6:30	26	27	28	29	



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